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**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

The subject U.S. patent application is related to co-pending U.S. patent application No. 10/531,908, filed April 19, 2005. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c)(2), the materials listed on the enclosed form PTO/SB/08a are brought to the attention of the Examiner. These materials were either cited by the undersigned in the 10/531,908 application, or were cited by the Examiner in that application. The fee of \$180.00, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17(p) is to be charged to the deposit account No. 10-1213 of the undersigned.

Copies of the non-U.S. patent documents are enclosed. Copies of the U.S. patent documents are not enclosed.

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DE 203 09 429 does not appear to have an English language abstract or equivalent. It is noted that the publication date of this document is after the filing date of the German application to which the subject U.S. patent application claims priority. This document appears to show a roller with a plurality of openings in its surface.

A web guide element, configured as a turning bar, is known from DE 93 20 281 U1, and which can be brought into at least two angled positions in relation to an incoming web. In the course of pivoting the turning bar from a first position into the other position, openings of an inner body are displaced with respect to openings in an outer body of the turning bar, in such a way that the air outlet openings which are not needed are closed.

The various U.S. patents cited by the Examiner in the Office Action of November 23, 2007 in the 10/531,908 application are listed on the enclosed PTO/SB/08a form. No discussion of these English language documents is required.

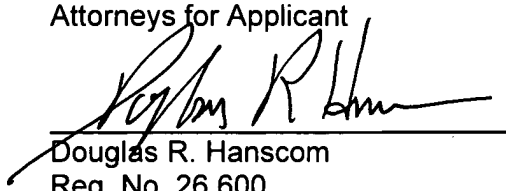
It is to be noted that U.S. patent No. 7,025,303 to Meyer, which was cited in the November 23, 2007 Office Action in the 10/531,908 application, and which was relied on by the Examiner in that Office Action, is not available as a reference. Its earliest filing date is after the German filing date of three of the four German applications to which priority is claimed in both the subject application and the 10/531,908 application. A verified translation of DE 103 22 651 filed May 20, 2003, is being filed on February 25, 2008 in the 10/531,908 application.

Entry of these materials into the file of the subject U.S. patent application, and their consideration by the Examiner, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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